Herncall agent for DMV

Dan Herncall is now license agent for the Division of Motor Vehicles with headquarters in the Falling River Realty Co. Inc. office building on Court Street.

The office will be closed December 25 and 26 in observance of the Christmas holiday and on January 1 and 2 in observance of New Year.

The office will resume regular office hours, 8:30 to 12 and 1:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m., on January 5.

THREE APPOMATTOX County men were recently appointed to positions within the Central Virginia Commission on Aging. Jim Collins of Appomattox (left) and William Turner of Spout Spring (center) were both appointed to serve on the Commission's Advisory Council. Horace Coleman (right) was named vice president of the commission, and re-appointed as chairman of the CVCA's personnel committee (Photos by Bill Sherrod).

Appomattox County receives award

Women continue to be a big part of American farm life. This was more than evident during the Women's Luncheon at the 1980 Virginia Farm Bureau Federation annual meeting held at the John Marshall Hotel in Richmond.

Appomattox County received the Chairman's Cup Award for showing the most progress in 1980. Southside, Midwest, Northern and Central Districts were recognized as having 100 percent of the counties with appointed womens chairmen submitting reports.

Completes radiology program

Graduation exercises for the Radiology Program, Lynchburg General-Marshall Lodge Hospital, and Virginia Baptist Hospital were held December 5 at Lynchburg General-Marshall Lodge Hospital.

Among the graduates was Donna Marie Coleman of Appomattox. The twelve graduates received a certificate of completion of academic and clinical requirements for the Radiologic Technology Program.

'Keeping fit' topic of FHA program

BY JOANIE CANADA

The Senior Chapter Future Homemakers of America held the monthly meeting in the high school auditorium.It was called to order by the president, Joan Williams. Following the reading of the minutes and treasurer's report by Sharon Davis and Regina Goggins, the program was introduced by vice-president, Jane Guill.

Mrs. Shirley Walton, Appomattox County VPI Extension Agent, presented a program on diet and exercise. She included a slide projection of calories and burning calories while exercising. Mrs. Walton expressed the importance of keeping fit during the holidays and trimming your figure the year-round. The FHA officers were involved in demonstrating figure-toning exercises to the club, under the instruction of the guest speaker. The program was enjoyed by all. The December Future Homemakers of America meeting was then adjourned.

Correction

In last week's report of the Appomattox Town Council meeting, the water service for in-town customers, all consumption over 4,000 gallons billed at the rate of $1.35 read $1.34, instead of the correct figure $1.35.

The proposed changes in water and sewer rates were not adopted at the meeting.

We regret the error. Information concerning the adoption and rates will be publicized in the **Times Virginian** as public information and as a legal notice.

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Debutantes honored

Social events for the seventeen debutantes of 1980 began with a coffee given in their honor by the Committee of the Holly Ball on November 29 at Indian Creek Yacht and Country Club in Kilmarnock. That evening an informal dance at the Lancaster Players' Playhouse was given by Mr. and Mrs. James Flexmer Chase, Jr. of White Stone and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Allen Smoak of Appomattox honoring their daughters Misses Amanda Carter Chase and Edith Clere Smoak.

On December 20 Mr. and Mrs. John Gresham Palmer will give a wine and cheese party at their home, Waterview Farm, in Merry Point honoring their daughter, Miss Helen Towles Palmer, the reigning queen of the Holly Realm. A buffet dinner at Epping Forest will follow.

A luncheon honoring Misses Linda Diane Garnett, Belinda Jean Gaskins, Lori Ann Hutchings, and Alice Anna Sliakas will be given by their parents Mr. and Mrs. Francis Arnold Garnett of King and Queen Court House, Mr. and Mrs. Ryland Crittenden Gaskins, Jr. of Kilmarnock, Mr. Lloyd Elliott Hutchings of Lancaster, and Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Joseph Sliksis if Irvington. It will be held on December 21 at Windmill Point Yacht Club near White Stone.

An oyster roast and dance will be held on December 23 at Windmill Point Yacht Club in honor of Misses Kira Ann Kelsey of Kilmarnock, Cathie Ann Northern of Warsaw, Kathryn Carter Perkins of White Stone and Bettie Corbin Perry of Richmond.

Miss Dawn Patrice Allen will be honored at a luncheon at Lowery's Restaurant on December 26 given by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Perry Temple Allen of Tappahannock.

A Mother-Daughter Champagne Brunch, honoring Miss Kemberly Leigh Thorn of Warsaw, will be given by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Lawrence Thorn of Mulberry Farm in Moratico, the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. Lorenz Horn on December 27.

The rehearsal dinner to be held the evening of December 28 at Indian Creek Yacht Club and County Club will be given by Mr. and Mrs. James Pollard Bussells of Lively, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Stuart Dunaway of Lancaster, Mr. and Mrs. John Tuttle Harris of Dunnsville, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Fletcher Staton of Warsaw in honor of their daughters Misses Teresa LaVerne Russels, Marcelle Dunaway, Kimberly Harris and Cheryl Lynn Staton.

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6	Pacesetter	F78 x 14W	39.54 + 2.37
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DENNIS GRAGG, Vice-Commander of the American Legion Post 104 is shown presenting a United States flag to Appomattox County High School. Accepting the flag for the school is Don Armentrout, principal. The flag will be displayed in the gym.

$78.7 million

Vepco taxes are high

Vepco will pay about $78.7 million in state and local taxes in 1980. This includes $46.4 million in gross receipts taxes paid to the Commonwealth of Virginia, $26.7 million in local property taxes and about $4.9 million in gross receipts taxes paid to various towns, cities and counties.

Northern Virginia and Tidewater each accounted for about one-third of the total property taxes paid. Central Virginia, including Richmond, accounted for about one-third of the total property taxes paid. Central Virginia, including Richmond, accounted for about one-fifth of the tax bill.

Prince William County's $3,269,459 was the largest local property tax bill of the year and Vepco made its final payment of $2,081,823 on that bill Friday. Louisa County had the second largest bill of $3,184,712. Vepco paid Fairfax County $2,238,320 as final payment on a total 1980 bill of $2,487,816, the third largest amount.

Among cities, Richmond had the largest property tax bill, $1,589,096, paid eaglier this year. Chesapeake's local tax bill, the second largest at $1,084,837 was paid Firday with a final check for $964,024. Norfolk was third largest among cities with $978,015 and the final payment was $885,041.

These six localities, three counties and three cities represent about 47 percent of Vepco's total 1980 Virginia property tax bill of $26.7 million.

Vepco customers have also paid about $62.5 million in local utility taxes in their monthly bills. The tax, levied by many localities, is collected and forwarded monthly.

Amounts paid in this area include: Appomattox $11,429, Buckingham $18,892; and Charlotte, $11,727.

Santa's coming

The Pamplin Ruritans will bring Santa to Pamplin on December 20.

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Surviving the 1980 drought

Earlier this month a meeting designed for dairymen to take a look at surviving the 1980 drought disaster was very revealing. Any producer would have found the presentation useful. I want to outline some highlights - the hog or beef producers can find corresponding relationships.

1981 will demand better cost control. Take a look at your farm records and study the major cost items. The top five are:

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1. Purchase feed, generally this will represent 20 to 30% of the milk check. If it is 40% plus, this is a danger signal.
2. Hired labor - this should take 8 to 15% of the milk check.
3. Fertilizer and lime.
4. Repairs and maintenance
5. Interest - if this is in the top three, better look out. You will not likely service your debts properly.

Watch feed efficiency. This is probably the best place to cut costs. Always feed near the most profitable level of production. Watch the forage to grain feeding ratios. Keep an eye on production levels - that is high versus low producers Pencil out what kind of profits the low producers are returning. It may be profitable to market cows under 12,000 pounds. This will depend on your feed cost.

Labor efficiency - How many pounds of milk is marketed per man? It should be 350,000+. Each man should handle 25 to 30 cows.

Here's a general rule that frequently applies - When the annual cash operating expenses exceed 80% of the annual cash receipts, you are likely to have problems meeting debt commitments, family living expenses and needed capital purchases.

A study of 40 Virginia dairy records shows that the average net cash income is $1900 and the average operating expenses is $1500, leaving a difference of $400.

Remember how you spend is just as important as how you make the dollars. When more than ⅓ of the milk check goes to intrest and principal repayment, trouble is around the corner.

Research continues to demonstrate that the use of high PD bulls is twice as profitable as using low PD bulls. The same is true for high pedigree heifers. They are twice as profitable as low pedigree heifers, even though in both cases health costs are greater due to stress associated with higher production. Forage testing is essential. All forages, high moisture grain and complete rations should be tested monthly. The secret is taking representative samples. Always take a number of samples (4 to 5). Mix them together and pull sample to be tested.

High quality silage is determined by time of harvest and method of preservation. High quality corn silage is cheaper to feed because it contains more energy.

If you have stored silage, you may want to utilize the computer program "Silo" to help make management decisions for this winter.

Arts and Craft slated to close for winter

Historic Appomattox Station Arts and Crafts Center will close for the winter at 5 p.m. Saturday, December 20th. All members are asked to remove items on that day.

The shop will re-open in the spring of 1981.

Toys, clothing needed

Mrs. Jenny Fratrick, Christmas Mother for the Appomattox County Department of Social Services, reports that requests for food, clothing and toys for the needy far exceed the contributions.

"We're doing the best we can," said Mrs. Fratrick, "but there are so many needs. People who have lost everything by fire, heads of households who are temporarily unemployed, and families facing unexpected crises . . . they all need and expect help. We deeply appreciate the individuals and groups who have already contributed but we need additional help so that no one will go lacking at this Christmas season."

If you would like to help, please call 352-7125, Department of Social Services Monday through Friday from 8:30 until 4:30.

Churches plan Christmas activities

The Inn at Bethlehem will be presented by the United Memorial Methodist Church, Sunday, December 21.

Mrs. Lucy Harvey is director of the play. The cast is as follows: Reuben, Keith Leonard; Elizabeth, Jane Guill; Rebekah, Dawn Pitzenberger; Sara, Laura Walton; Hannah, Donna Layne and Mary, Nancy Morris. The play centers around the birth of Christ and the love that is shared.

Special music will be provided by the Sanctuary Choir, the Cherup Choir, Ben Harvey, Keith Leonard, Blair Smith, Mary Lane and Charlene Lawson.

A covered dish dinner will be served at 5:30 p.m. and the play will begin at 7:00 p.m.

The public is invited to attend.

Our Lady of Peace Catholic Church will have regular mass at 9 a.m. Sunday at the Oakville School building on Highway 26.

Following mass there will be CDC classes taught by Mrs. Barbara Harvey. The Junior Youth Group and the Senior Youth Group will have short meetings.

A coffee hour will follow.

The New Life Baptist Church will present a Christmas play on Sunday night, December 21 at 7:00 p.m. The play is entitled, "The Story of Christmas." Following the presentation, Santa will pay a visit.

The church is located on Route 608 in Oakville. Rev. R.B. Baber is pastor.

The public is cordially invited to attend.

The Sanctuary Choir of Liberty Baptist Church will present a drama cantata (Noel, Jesus is Born) by Marsch on Sunday evening, December 21 at 7:30 p.m. in the church sanctuary.

This will be accompanied by orchestration tract and directed by Mrs. J. Franklin Vaughan.

A special feature of this service will be a complete congregational candlelight service.

ACHS band music program planned

The ACHS band and chorus students and their parents cordially invite the public to a program of Christmas music to be presented by the students on Thursday, Dec. 18 at 7:30 p.m.

The concert will be presented in the auditorium at the Appomattox County High School.

There is no admission charge, and we do hope everyone will plan to attend.

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Bakers announce birth of second child

Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan Reed Baker of 505 Tremont Street in Lincoln, Ill. announce the birth of their second child, a son, born November 29, 1980 in Lincoln. He has been named Christopher Reed Baker and is a brother to Sara Whitney Baker, age 3.

Mr. and Mrs. Baker formerly resided on Lee-Grant Avenue in Appomattox where Mr. Baker was affiliated with Armstrong furniture. He is presently Engineering- Manager for Myers Industries, Inc., in Lincoln.

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